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Angry crowd, police harass Russian Jews

LONDON (JCNS) -

As a large crowd of Ukrainians looked on, and shouted anti-Semitic slogans, plain clothes police prevented 60 young Jews from entering the Kiev Synagogue for prayers last week and later arrested nine of them, writes the JCNS East Europe correspondent. "The synagogue is not for young people," the police told the would-be worshippers.

Four of the nine were charged with "hooliganism" and jailed for 15 days. Their names are: Lina Smanskaya, Solomon Feldman, Nathan Remenik and Anatoly Vanetik.

The five who were released after a time were Vitaly Zyrianov, Yefim Burstein, Yefim Fuchs, Roman Rutman and Bella Kogan. Miss Kogan was kicked in the stomach as she was being arrested.

The arrests were made by so-called "druzhinniki" - volunteer auxiliary policemen. When about 20 of the Jews who were prevented from entering the synagogue went to the police station and made a strong protest, a police officer called Gulyga told them that the arrests had been made on the instructions of the KGB (security police).

The group then threatened to mount a ke and picket the police station if no satisfactory explanation of the reason for the arrests was forthcoming. The result was that 15 of them were also arrested. They were, however, released five hours later.

The families and friends of the nine jailed Jews have sent protest telegrams to the Supreme Court of the Ukrainian Republic and to the local court in the Podol district of Kiev.

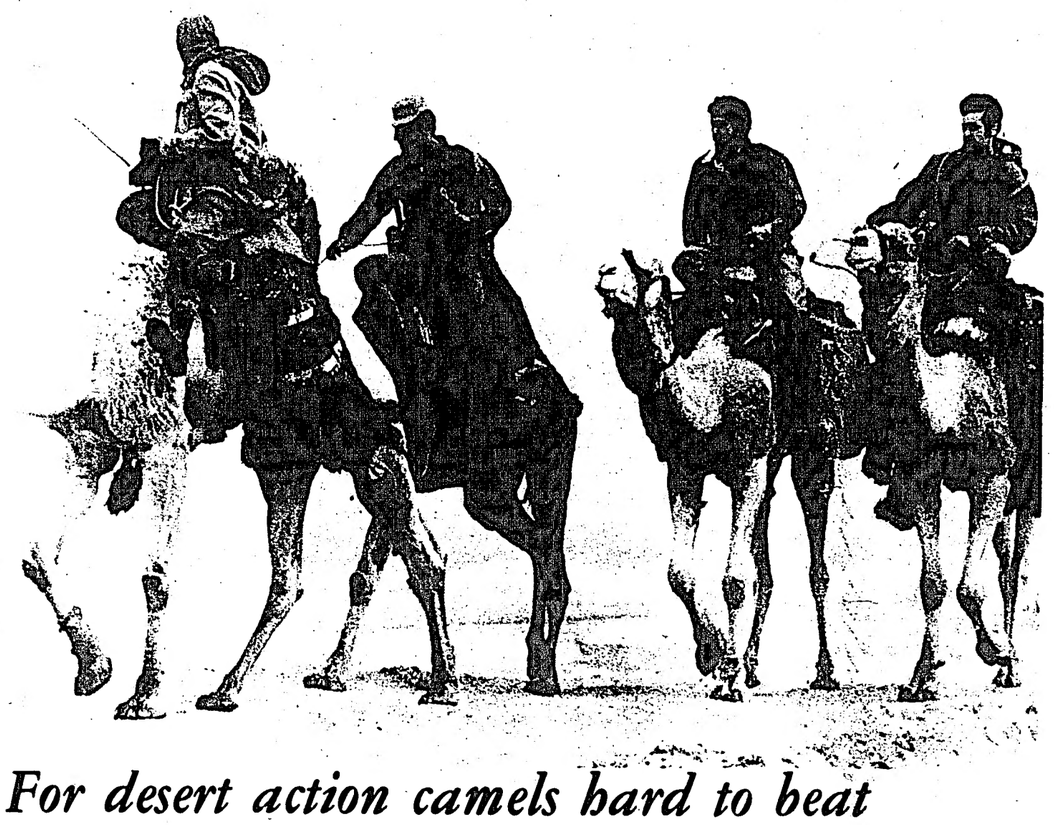
Meanwhile, the campaign to dissuade Jews from applying to emigrate to Israel continues. Last week a television program called **Zionism Unmasked** was given national showing.

Among the statements in the program was one that Golda Meir, the Israeli prime minister, David Ben Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, and Levi Eshkol, who was prime minister during the Six Day War, collaborated with the Nazis during the Second World War.

UJA drive passes $2 million mark

TORONTO -

The 1972 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign total passed the $2 million mark this week as the first wave of signed pledge cards and cheques poured into the campaign office. The objective this year is $10.2 million. (For details see page 2).



For desert action camels hard to beat

In an age of mechanized warfare, Israel has formed a new unit, the Camel Corps, in the knowledge that a camel is able to reach areas where even tanks are unable to penetrate. Another advantage is that a camel is able to survive for days without food or water. *Israel Sun Photo*

Fatah murders spark heavy Israeli raids on Lebanon

TEL AVIV -

The heaviest outbreak of fighting in a decade occurred last week along the Lebanese border as Israeli armed forces smashed into Fatah strongholds in the hilly country of southeastern Lebanon.

On four successive days, Israeli jets, artillery and troops in battalion strength, struck terrorists' concentrations on the Lebanese side of the border.

The attack was in retaliation for the murder of an Israeli couple, Albert and Florence Malka of Zaryit, parents of three, who were killed by a bazooka shell fired at point-blank range as they were returning from a Bar Mitzvah celebration in Nahariya.

On the first day of the reprisal attack, several terrorist-sheltering houses were blown up and five occupants were killed. Weapons and equipment were captured. The area bombed is about 20 miles inside Lebanon and is inhabited only by terrorists, not by civilians.

The houses blown up in the village of Inta, near Bint Jibal, were evacuated first.

Reports that Israel intends to occupy parts of southern Lebanon, to drive the Fatah deeper into that country, are discounted. The presence of bulldozers was taken as evidence that Israel plans to construct roads to the border as another means of discouraging the terrorists.

Meanwhile, in New York, the Security Council called on Israel to "immediately desist and refrain" from military action against Lebanon. At the time the council's demand was received, the punitive action had been completed, according to sources here.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, speaking in the Knesset, told a questioner that Israel has warned Lebanon that it must assume responsibility fr the renewed terrorist activity from Lebanese soil.

Confirms Moscow-Israel contacts

PARIS (JTA) -

Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban, said that there were two concrete issues that could be the starting points for peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt - Sharm el Sheikh and the establishment of a balance of forces in the Middle East. But he said the responsibility for starting peace talks belonged to Egypt since it was that country that initiated the belligerency of 1967.

Eban made his remarks in a 45 minute telephone interview with six senior French journalists broadcast by Inter-Paris. The interview was wide-ranging and included an admission by Eban that there have been unofficial contacts between Israel and the Soviet Union but that there could be no improvement in relations between the two countries as long as Moscow persisted in its anti-Israel policies.

Eban also dismissed China as a "decisive factor in the Middle East" and observed that "the really important Nixon talks on the Middle East are not taking place in Peking (but) will be taking place soon in Moscow," a reference to Presiden Nixon's summit visit to the Soviet capital this May. As far as the Middle East is concerned "there are only two powers which count, the United States and the Soviet Union," Eban said.

The interview was the first appearance by a prominent Israeli statesman or public personality on the French radio in recent years. It seemed to indicate a change in form, if not in content, of French policy toward Israel. But the Israeli Foreign Minister was not optimistic about the future of Franco-Israeli relations and listed the serious obstacles in the way of improvement.

Eban said peace talks with Egypt hinged on two "crucial" points. The balance of power, he said, could be advanced appreciably through demilitarization of the Sinai peninsula. "A lot depends on the Egyptians. If they show themselves supple and conciliatory an agreement on borders can also be arranged," he said. He added, however, that Israel must retain permanent control of Sharm el-Sheikh in view of what happened in 1967.

"We have told this to Egypt in the past and we shall continue to tell her so frankly," Eban said. He said Egypt now commands the necessary prestige to enable it to initiate peace talks and is recognized in this position by both the U.S. and the Soviet Union. He said Russia's position is somewhat changed as Moscow now agrees that there can be no Israeli withdrawal without "a real peace being signed."

But the Soviet Union still blocks a solution by opposing "territorial negotiations," he added. Eban said, "I would much prefer a change of Soviet policy without secret contacts than secret contacts and no change of Russian policy." He said China's presence in the Middle East was mainly in the field of propaganda.

Referring to Israel's problems with France, Eban said he was a "realistic", and that while the friction point of the Mirage dispute has now been solved, there are still two major obstacles in the way of improved Franco-Israeli relations. One is France's refusal to agree to Israel's request to come to an agreement with the European Common Market, which would safeguard the latter's exports to Europe.

Chief rabbi to lecture

TORONTO -

The Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, has accepted an invitation to deliver the Helen Frieberg Memorial Lecture at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, on March 9. The lecture honors the memory of Helen Frieberg, the late wife of synagogue president Murray Frieberg.

A distinguished author of several books, notably Jewish Medical Ethics which has been translated into Hebrew, the Chief Rabbi serves on the editorial board of **Tradition** and **The Jewish Horizon** and is co-author of the **Jewish Hospital Compendium.**

He came to London as a refugee from Nazi oppression in 1936. In 1949, he was called to Dublin to become Chief Rabbi of Ireland, remaining in that post for the next 10 years. Dr. Jakobovits was installed into his present office in 1967.

Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits

Israel ready to take in all Jews Russia releases

TORONTO -

Israel and the world Jewish community wiol not be intimidated by any threat that Soviet Jews will be released for aliyah to Israel in such large numbers as to overwhelm and imperil the economy of the country, delcared Ezra Z. Shapiro, who is in Toronto on behalf of the 1972 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign for $10,200,000.

Shapiro, world chairman of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, declared that Israel is prepared "at all costs and under all circumstances to receive Russian jews. Israel has demonstrated to the world a capacity to meet every challenge, whether military or otherwise, and to overcome. It certainly will meet this challenge with love and eagerness."

Shapiro, a citizen of the United States, who now resides in Jerusalem, assumed the chairmanship of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal in August of 1971 with responsibility for fund raising on behalf of Israel in 69 countries, including Canada, but excluding the U.S. He succeeds Dr. Israel Goldstein, who retired after 10 years in this post.

The Jerusalem visitor described the 1972 goal of Keren Hayesod as "monumental". The minimum goal is around $675 million and there is an extra goal of $200 million "for the expected, prayed for and welcome increase of some 20,000 immigrants over the earlier scheduled number of 50,000."

Discussing the Russian immigration, Shapiro said that "none of us dared dream of the realization of this extraordinary aliyah. For decades, at Zionist territorial conventions and World Zionist congresses, we virtually limited our call upon the Soviet to cease persecuting and imprisoning those who dared raise their voice in proclaiming adherence to Zionist idea and ideals. It is only since the Six Day War that the emphasis on public protests has been changed to that of "Shalah et ami - Let my people go."

Shapiro said the desire of Soviet Jews to go to Israel "secretly nurtured and finally heroically proclaimed" was accelerated by the fact that "at long last we had achieved a home which could and would welcome all Soviet Jews who want to come and settle.

Ezra Shapiro

Montreal Y reverses stand, halts showing of Shaw play

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

The Shaw play at the Saidye Bronfman Centre has been called to a halt - just days before the premier performance.

Withdrawing from a previous decision to present the play, the board of directors of the Y decided to stop the production after the board met in an emergency session last Thursday night.

Last week the Y was swamped with hundreds of protest letters, post cards, and telegrams from Zionist groups, synagogues, and community members urging the association to reconsider its decision. Plans were laid by organizations to picket the centre during the 28 days of the play's run. One placard was to have read, "Don't cross the Jewish line".

One survivors' group was issued a police permit, and thousands of leaflets were printed. One Congress official suggested that occupation of the centre by the JDL was considered.

A press release issued by the Y and reprinted as advertisements in the two Montreal newspapers said: "Over a period of several weeks, a mounting crescendo of protests, initiated by the survivors of the Nazi murder camps, and subsequently taken up by a majority of community organizations, was forcefully presented to the directors of the association who agreed to reconsider the matter. The protests were based on the highly personal interpretation which the playwright gave to the events of 1939-45."

Jack Engel, president of the Y said, "The board regretfully decided to cancel the play."

One leading Zionist official said "We had a queasy feeling that the people who were doing this weren't coming to grips with the issue."

The controversy surfaced three weeks ago, when survivors groups brought the problem to a meeting of the Joint Congress-B'nai B'rith Human Rights Committee. The committee recommended the Y make up it's own mind.

Reaction to the cancellation of the Shaw drama appeared in both English language newspapers in Montreal.

In the "lively arts" section of the **Gazette**, the issue was attributed to "some unfortunately simplistic over-reaction in which terribly scarred people have felt it their duty to deny the production of a play simply because of the horrible memories it conjures up."

The writer compared the controversy of the Shaw play to the Toronto St. Lawrence Centre production of **Captives of the Faceless Drummer.**

Congress Executive Vice-President Saul Hayes compared the controversy to "an immoveable object meeting an irresistible force.

"There are no grounds in the middle. On one hand you're dealing with an objective set of values, and on the other you are dealing with the subjective values of a people who have suffered the worst possible experience.

"The question then becomes what is in the best interest of the community, as it is no longer a matter of free speech or censorship.

"In terms of unity and community harmony," he added, "it could be the Y's only judgment to cancel the play."

New location

The Canadian Jewish News has moved into larger, more modern facilities at 22 Balliol St., just east of the Davisville Subway Station.

The move from 3433 Bathurst St. took place March 1. The new offices give the expanding CJN a more central location.

The CJN's telephone number is: 481-6434.

Dutch oppose Nazis release

AMSTERDAM (JCNS) -

Holland's Orthodox, Sephardi and Liberal Jewish communities have vigorously protested against plans announced by the government last week to release the last three Nazi war criminals still detained in the country.

They sent a joint telegram opposing the release to Parliament. A majority of the 150 members of the Dutch Second Chamber is expected to vote in favor of release.

The members of the Supreme Court, three of whom are of Jewish origin, have unanimously recommended the pardon of the three men, and in his letter to MPs, A. Van Agt, the minister of justice, pointed out that it was the first time the "competent courts" had done so.

It was the government's opinion, he added, that "the detention of the three war criminals, which has now lasted 27 years, should end." Van Agt, who since the announcement has received threats, has been given police protection.

Organizations of former Dutch Resistance Fighters staged a mass demonstration in Amsterdam in protest against the proposed release of the three men.

In a comment, **The Nieuw Israelietisch Weekblad** wrote that the Dutch Government apparently felt more compassion for the three war ciminals than with their victims and their relatives.

"Their detention means that they are the symbols of justice," it said. "They have not been detained for reasons of revenge..."

The three war criminals are Joseph Kotaella, 63; Ferdinand Aus der Fuenten, 72; and Franz Fischer, 69. Kotaella, chief of Amersfoort concentration camp in Holland between 1942-45, was sentenced to death in 1948 for killing prisoners. The sentence was commuted to life imprisonment in 1951.

Aud der Fuenten, a leader of the SS office of Jewish affairs in Holland, was sentenced to death in 1950 for complicity in the deportation of some 100,000 Jews from Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and other Dutch centres.

Organizations and People

UJA-ISF Drive well ahead of last year: Chairman

TORONTO -

Contributions to the 1972 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign are running substantially ahead of last year, campaign chairman Phil Granovsky reported this week. To date, the total is in excess of $2 million.

Granovsky said virtually all of the 20,000 cards to be canvassed have been distributed and more than 2,000 have been signed and returned. He said that on a card for card basis, giving is running substantially ahead of last year. In some cases increases range from 100 to 300%.

The campaign got a big lift from three major events:

*A series of 10 Special Gifts parlor meetings for husbands and wives which were addressed by Paul and Shoshana Beer, of Jerusalem. He is director of the guest department of Keren Hayesod.

*The women's division UJA Day, attended by more than 400, and the follow-up telethon.

*A B'nai B'rith phone-a-thon covering the Metropolitan and Mercantile divisions.

Said Jack Rose, chairman of the special gifts committee, "the enthusiasm with which the Beers were greeted and the warm hospitality extended to them was a great tribute to their popularity".

Al Green, chairman of Special Gifts, said the parlor meetings with the Beers, conducted over a two-week period, represented the greatest single concentrated effort ever undertaken by this division. "It's a most effective way of campaigning," he added.

More than 60 B'nai B'rith members from nine lodges conducted a phone-a-thon on two nights to reach unaffiliated members of the community. Morris Flicht and Max Aiken, who supervised the phone campaign, reported excellent results with good increases in giving. The campaign went so well that only two nights were required to contact the prospects instead of the scheduled three.

The desire of Toronto's Jewish women to be recognized as UJA contributors on their own is clearly indicated in the large attendance at the women's division UJA Day, according to Mrs. Helen Gross, chairman of the event. The presence of Dr. Julia Libman, who emigrated from Soviet Russia in November, stressed the need for maximum support for the campaign to help Israel absorb Russian Jews, Mrs. Gross stated.

Mrs. Esther Exton and Mrs. Rose Granatstein, co-chairmen of the women's telethon, said close to 100 women, working in two shifts, conducted the phone campaign to women last Sunday and produced "terrific" results. The telethon continues on sunday, March 5.

Co-operation is the keyword for the campaign in the Trades & Professions division, report the co-chairman David Goldberg and Willie Rosengarten. Private homes and business premises are being offered "generously and cheerfully" for meetings.

One unusual meeting took place in the steam room of the Executive Club, hosted by Leonard Simpson for the shoe group. Mr. Simpson is co-chairman of the group along with Eddie Schmeiser and Fred Fine. Despite the steamy atmosphere, many cards and checks were signed at the meeting.

There is considerable activity on behalf of the UJA-ISF this year in the academic world. Prof. Arthur Kruger, of the University of Toronto, and Prof. Sydney Eisen, of York University, are co-ordinators of the campaign on the two major campuses, community colleges and OISE.

March will be a busy month for organizations and landsmanshaften as they swing into high gear on behalf of the campaign. A major event is a banquet of the Stashiver Society, at Beth Torah Synagogue on Saturday, March 11. Izzy Brown, the president, says this will be the major fund-raising activity of his organization.

Charles Goldfinger, UJA chairman of the Zaglembier Society, reports two-man teams of canvassers have been conducting a face-to-face campaign with their prospects and says giving is much above last year. "There's no doubt," he said, "that our members want to do everything possible to help settle the Russian Jews in Israel."

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The Canadian Jewish news

Beloved torah teacher dies

By STANLEY ROSSBY

TORONTO -

"Whosoever labors in the Torah for its own sake, merits many things . . . the whole world is indebted to him," said Rabbi Meir (Aboth, VI 1).

Julius Marcus not only labored in the Torah for its own sake, he introduced many others to this labor of love.

On a recent Saturday afternoon, on his way to the weekly session of the Talmud study group he conducted at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, he collapsed in front of the building and was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. When he set out for the long walk in the fiercely cold and windy weather, Julius Marcus was driven by the power that motivated his life, by the irresistible urge to give and share Jewish learning and wisdom.

It was his devotion to Jewish learning and tradition, combined with love for people, that sent him on the path of a unique adventure to organize privately two Talmud study groups at the Beth Tzedec and Beth Sholom Synagogues. In an atmosphere of apathy and disbelief, he achieved his goal with gentle persuasion and the humble friendliness characteristic of a "talmud chacham".

The "open door" policy brought together at one table people from different backgrounds, former yeshiva students and those who knew little more than the Alef-beth, orthodox Jews and non-observers, professionals and businessmen.

Julius Marcus was a good navigator in the "Sea of the Talmud". Enlightened and at the same time traditional, he managed to steer his students away from the rocks of shallow negativism, yet without curbing the spirit of free inquiry which permeates the great Talmudic dispute.

Outgoing, bubbly Marilyn, 6, enjoys singing and skating

today's child

By HELEN ALLEN

Marilyn is an attractive six year old with big blue dancing eyes, brown hair and fair skin. She is healthy and active, sometimes over-active, but when she knows what is expected of her she is a pleasant child to have around.

A bubbly, outgoing youngster, Marilyn enjoys meeting people and has no trouble making friends. She gets on well with other children and with adults too, because she is not shy or diffident.

Since Marilyn is such an active girl, she likes outdoor games and is especially keen on skating. She is fond of music, particularly singing. Marilyn likes books and takes pleasure in sharing them with younger children in her foster home. Her Grade 1 teacher is satisfied with her work. Marilyn joins whole-heartedly in all school activities, from drawing to playing tag at recess.

This pretty, lively, energetic girl will be a happy addition to an active, outgoing family. She needs parents who are warm, stimulating and consistent. To inquire about adopting Marilyn, please write to **Today's Child, Box 888, Station K, Toronto.**

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Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

TAY-SACHS CLINIC

The third Tay-Sachs blood test clinic is scheduled for Sun., March 12, at Temple Sinai, Wolson Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsoring organizations are Adath Israel Synagogue, Akim, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation and Temple Sinai.

Jack Kahn

CONGREGATION RECEIVES GRANT

Congregation Bnai Torah, a relatively new Orthodox synagogue (it was established six years ago) in Willowdale, is in the process of expanding. A federal grant, awarded under the local initiative program for winter employment, provided the incentive to go ahead with the construction. According to president Jack Kahn, the seating capacity will be increased from about 350 to 650 and there will be additional space for youth and adult programs. Building committee chairman Gerald P. Barron expects the project to be completed by the end of May.

MIZRACHI SOLIDARITY RALLY

Montreal's Jewish community is called to attend a **Solidarity Rally with the Builders of Zion in the Spirit of Torah Judaism** taking place at the Chevra Shaas Adath Jeshurun, Hadrath Kodesh Congregation, Lavoie Ave., on Sun., March 5, at 2 p.m. The Consul General of Israel, David Ephrati, will be present and guest speakers are to be Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, of New York, national president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko of Pittsburgh, national president of the Religious Zionists of America. This rally is arranged by the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization of Montreal and the Rabbinical Council of America, Quebec Region.

CHILDREN'S ISRAELI DANCE FESTIVAL

Some 150 children will be participating in the second annual children's Israeli Dance Festival on Sun., March 5, at the Bloor YMHA. Michael Reimack will lead Israeli folk songs and a performance by the Neir Koda Israeli Dancers will be one of the highlights. The program is organized by Teme Kernerman, director of the Y Folk Dance department and is sponsored by the YM-YWHA with the co-operation of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

GROUP ENCOUNTER BY DRS. CHERNICK

A group encounter on the topic **As Sexuality Matures** will be led by Drs. Avinoam and Beryl Chernick (the Canadian version of the Master and Johnson team) at Adath Israel Synagogue, Southbourne Ave., on Thurs., March 9, at 8:30 p.m. The public is invited.

AVIVA ART EXHIBITION

For the second consecutive year, the first prize for paintings in the Aviva Chapter of Hadassah's annual Exhibition and Sale of contemporary Canadian art was awarded to Cathy Sennit-Harbison. Second and third prize winners were John Gould (he has had an entry every year for the past 15 years) and Jack Joel. The sculpture prizes went to Allan Middleton, and Claire Kerwin won in the graphics and small drawings category. The entire collection of over 100 pieces of art work may be viewed at Simpson's Avon House from April 4 to 19. The auction sale, Aviva's 20th, takes place at the Inn on the Park on April 22.

HISTORY OF JEWISH MUSIC

Our Musical Heritage, a history of Jewish and Israeli music explained and presented by Ben Steinberg, musical director of Temple Sinai, is being held at the BBYO House auditorium, Hove St., Downsview, at 8:30 p.m. Wed., March 15. The program is sponsored by the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith in celebration of Jewish Music Month.

FARBAND CENTRE LECTURE

Julius Hayman, editor of **The Jewish Standard**, will be discussing **The Rise of the Industrial Era and the Emancipation** on Tues., March 7 at 8:30 p.m. as part of the Farband Labour Zionist Order 1972 lecture series. It will be held at the Farband Centre on Viewmount Ave. The public is welcome.

Teme Kernerman

KINDERGARTEN IN ASHKELON

Toronto's Ajalon Lodge, Zionist Organization of Toronto, has just completed its project, a kindergarten classroom in Ashkelon, Israel. The final installment was presented to Col. Yehuda Shaviv, Canadian representative of the United Israel Appeal in Canada.

. . . about people

Allan Grossman

Ontario Revenue Minister **Allan Grossman** will be leaving for China on March 11. The former minister of Trade and Development leads the province's first sales and trade mission to that country. The China trip was arranged before the change of portfolio.

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It's official! **Harry W. Arthurs** has been appointed dean of Osgoode Hall Law School at York University. The 36 year old labor arbitrator and director of the law school's graduate program succeeds Gerald LeDain on July 1.

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A busy mother of two very busy teenagers is the new president of the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto. **Harriette Borins** steps into office after almost eight years service on camp council boards, the first woman president in almost 30 years. She has served the community in many areas and is a past president of B'nai B'rith Women's Council of Toronto.

Harpist **Erica Goodman** will be appearing as soloist at Canada's National Arts Centre Orchestra's New York debut at Lincoln Centre on Sunday. Her husband, Dr. Arthur Kamin (a dental graduate and presently a law student at U of T), and her mother Mrs. Maisie Goodman will be accompanying her on the trip down. From Ottawa - the Gordon Rostons - he's president of A.J. Freiman Ltd.; David Alexander; NAC orchestra association president Mrs. Donald Caplan; and Erica's aunt Mrs. Joseph Ginsberg and cousins Cathy and Jane. A reception follows the performance at the Park Avenue apartment of Canadian Consul General Bruce Rankin and Mrs. Rankin.

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Senator David Croll is to be the recipient of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda's Brotherhood award at their annual award dinner on Tues., March 7.

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Torontonians will have a chance to see **Nehemiah Persoff's** one-man show **Shalom Aleichem**. The movie and television actor will be in town next month with his successful presentation.

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Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut has accepted the chairmanship of the national committee for Israel's 25th anniversary celebration involving all of Canada's Jewish organizations. Celebrations will begin this fall and culminate in the spring of 1973.

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Metropolitan Toronto's Chief of Police **Harold J. Adamson** is now the proud possessor of a gold Bible from Jerusalem, an emerald color (for the Irish) skull cap and a coin struck in Israel commemorating Canada's centennial. The presentation was made by **Rabbi David Monson** at a Beth Sholom brotherhood dinner last week. In attendance at the dinner were mayors **William Dennison** and **Philip White** of the Borough of York, along with many of Metro's law enforcement officers.

Synagogue may close

From the CJN Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

The Young Israel congregation of Val Royal may have to move its scrolls, and close its doors because of the synagogue's poor financial situation, says President Leon Tripp.

"We hate to lose the synagogue," said Tripp, "as most of the people in Val Royal will move to another community if it is closed."

Founded in 1955 in a basement, the synagogue has grown to serve some 250 families in the middle class suburb of eastern St. Laurent.

An emergency meeting of the congregation in late November resulted in a unanimous decision not to sell the building. Moreover, with the same overwhelming unity, each family agreed to donate $700 to meet the needed $100,000. Over $70,000 has been raised so far - but outside help must be sought if the synagogue is to survive.

A finance committee, under the chairmanship of the synagogue's treasurer Ralph Pritzker and the synagogue's spiritual leader Rabbi Mordechai Glick, was organized to deal with the problem.

Four years ago a social hall was constructed as an extension to the synagogue. The hall, was intended to be an additional source of revenue, but an unexpected population shift has prevented the community from growing, resulting in the synagogue's predicament.

"In November," said Rabbi Glick, "a meeting of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America was convened to examine our plight and to appeal to other synagogues in Montreal."

Individuals representing a church group have approached the synagogue with an offer to purchase the building.

The Young Israel of Montreal, the Shomrim Laboyer Synagogue, the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, the young Israel of Chomedey, the Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem, and the Beth Ora synagogue have all contributed to the fund. Over $45,000 is needed by the synagogue to permit the congregation to carry on for an additional 10 years.

The Sisterhood and Men's Club fund raising activities, although successful, were not able to reach the high requirements for finances.

The main building houses a five year Hebrew afternoon school which serves 50 children in three classrooms.

"Since our emergency meeting," said Tripp, "everyone has been a little afraid of losing the synagogue. Now we're counting on the general community for 'Kol Yisroel Arayvim Zeh Lezeh' - I am my brother's keeper."

Academic sees bright future for U.S. Jews

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO -

A leading American professor has expressed great optimism for the future of U.S. Jewry because Jews are turning their backs on modernism.

Leonard Fein, professor of politics and social policy at Brandeis University and author of **Israel; Politics and People** said "We are witnessing in these days the end of a major era in the history of the American Jew - an era based on the ideology of modernism, the foundation stone of U.S. Jewry."

Fein was in Toronto last week to address the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial lecture series at the Clarke Institute.

In his speech to a small audience, Fein said modernism has had great appeal to Jews. It promised status no longer based on birth, but achievement, and full-fledged membership in the family of man, he explained.

Jews were attracted to modernism and sought to adjust Judaism to it, he continued.

"The U.S. was the first nation to seek modernism and America was the new Jerusalem to Jews . . . Modernism meant a Jew did not have to stop being a Jew to become an American, merely stop behaving as one."

Certain critical events in the 1960's led to the decline of the American Dream, the professor continued.

"There is now the realization the U.S. will never be the new Jerusalem. Modernism is being questioned and there are other competing ways of coming at the world.

". . . Jews are suffering from malnutrition . . . a hunger for community."

Trace Tay-Sachs to Quebec area

MONTREAL -

The fatal genetic disease known as Tay-Sachs is not confined solely to Ashkenazi Jews, according to Dr. Charles Scriver, a biochemical geneticist at the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Speaking to 150 members of the Shaar Hashomayim Sisterhood last week, Dr. Scriver said that although it is found in 10 times more European Jews than in any other community group, it has also been traced in French Canadians in the Chicoutimi district.

Dr. Scriver said abortion is recommended by the medical profession for women whose fetus is a victim of the disease.

"As alarming as the idea of abortion is, it does not equal the emotional stress felt by the parents bearing a child whose life span will not exceed five years," Dr. Scriver told his audience.

The doctor said the Rabbinical Council, in consultation with the medical profession, agrees with the view of the medical profession.

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China may one day adopt far more friendly attitude to Israel

President Nixon's visit to China, inevitably calls for a review of China's relationship to Israel and Peking's tactics in the Middle East.

Israel was one of the first non-Communist countries to recognize the People's Republic of China. Israel's promptness in granting that recognition was inspired by the principled position that any country which in fact existed and controlled its territory and population deserved to be recognized.

In 1950, Israel could not expect that her chief ally, the U.S. would be pleased with this action, but Israel proceeded nevertheless, realizing that China could not be denied a major role in world affairs.

Chou En-lai, Chinese prime minister and foreign minister, wired his country's acknowledgement but the exchange of ambassadors was delayed until both newly established regimes could afford to establish additional ministries abroad.

The Korean war and China's involvement in a conflict against the UN, the very body which gave the new Jewish state birth and legitimacy, made Israel cautious. In 1955, Israel sent an economic and goodwill mission to China, but the visit was never returned. The Chinese had decided the Arab nations offered greater opportunity for Middle East penetration.

At the 1955 Bandung conference of Asian nations, (which Israel sought to attend but was excluded), the People's Republic established close relationships with Nasser's U.A.R. and other Arab nations.

Chinese ideologists had no difficulty in finding doctrinal justification following the 1956 Sinai Campaign, when Israel was allied to France and Britain.

Initially, it was a strategy of expediency; Israel was portrayed as the tool of the imperialists. The Arab guerrillas were described as the vanguard of the revolution and the repository of all the people's virtues.

In practical terms, the Chinese were not able to provide their new found Arab friends with much economic or military aid. Support was largely ideological and produced little in the way of direct results.

In spite of China's praise of the Arabs and the flood of invective which was unleashed against Israel, the Jewish state was restrained in all its actions in the hope that normal relations could one day be established.

While China at present appears as intransigeant towards Israel as it was towards the U.S. only months ago, a recent Jerusalem Post article concludes:

"While for the moment there is not much that Israel could do to induce China to respond to the offer of friendly, normal relations - beyond clearly indicating that such an offer still stands - the time for such relations may come as soon as Peking opts for global policies of realistic moderation."

Scandals within, not foe without, chief concern of Israel's citizens

The Israelis are tough-minded people. They need to be, for not only do they have to live with external pressures that could blow up into full-scale war at any time, but there are internal problems that seem to bother them much more than the Arab menace.

War alarms they have lived with even before the state was created, but large business scandals, dubious bankruptcies, fraud and misappropriation of government assets? Israelis are angry and confused and they have fastened on the government as the obvious scapegoat.

The Knesset ordered inquiries into the allegations of fraud and these investigations are still going on. Arrests have been made and others are said to be in the offing. Whether anything tangible emerges from these probes to explain why seemingly stable companies went into a tailspin, is unclear.

A downturn in the economy, combined with overextension, contributed to the collapse of private and government-backed companies. Rassco, a non-government business with large interests in the construction industry, came a cropper when its optimistic directors decided to diversify in the best (or worst) traditions of North America's corporate giants. The government had to make good its debts of over $24 million.

The public had barely digested this unpalatable news when Autocar, the big producer of small cars, gave up the ghost, leaving the banks holding the bag. Once again the government put up tax dollars to cover losses and, hopefully, effect a reorganization.

But the shocker in the recital of economic woes came with the disclosure that all was far from well with the management of the once Egyptian-owned oil wells in the Sinai. Here the Israeli newspapers - the independent ones, anyhow - filled columns with reports of the numerous allegations of fraud, incompetency and general dirty work.

The opposition parties have been quick to assail the government, particularly Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir who is probably the most unpopular man in Israel today, according to a recent poll. Was bad management the chief factor in the failures? How significant was criminality in the overall picture? Why didn't the government exercise tighter control over their own business ventures?

These are some of the questions the Israelis would like answered. Not even Prime Minister Golda Meir has escaped criticism, not for any act of her own, but because she rushed to the defence of Sapir with the charge that the press was creating public hysteria. For once her sure political touch failed her.

Then there are other trends that are causing intensive soul searching these days. There is an acute housing shortage - and there is the making of a scandal here, too - and the crime rate is increasing. The problem of integrating the Soviet newcomers is placing a strain on Israel's resources, but there is no doubt this problem will be solved.

The Israelis have demonstrated their ability to close ranks and present a united front to the menace from without. But the malaise within finds them divided into warring camps. But they have met and surmounted other obstacles in the development of their society, and undoubtedly they will again.

The rogues need to be punished, the incompetents must be weeded out of the top echelon of management, and the government will have to make haste more slowly in the march towards industrial independence.

Somehow, it all brings us closer to our Israeli brethren, this realization that not all Israelis are nature's noblemen, free of human imperfections. Our kinship with them is somewhat strengthened in the knowledge that they, too, have some rotten apples.

Guerrillas suffer consequences

Three years ago, Israeli armed forces blew up Lebanese planes at Beirut Airport in retaliation for terrorist activities by gangs crossing the border into Israel. The world was shocked at this swift reaction to the murder of innocent civilians by Arab terrorists.

Israel said then, as she says today, the government that harbors guerrillas and gives them sanctuary must take responsibility for their acts. The reprisal policy has forced hostile regimes to take steps against terrorists.

The world no longer is shocked by this policy of retaliation. When Fatah guerrillas slipped across the border last week and murdered a husband and wife at point blank range, the Lebanese government braced itself for the expected onslaught and it was not long in coming.

For four days Israeli planes and tanks pounded Fatah strongholds in the rugged hills of Lebanon, and then withdrew, at about the same time the Security Council ordered a withdrawal.

It is unfortunate that Lebanon, the most civilized of Arab states as far as treatment of its Jews are concerned, should have to suffer, but the signal is loud and clear; curb your terrorists, or else.

Ski patrol getting ready to leave on rescue mission. It gets plenty of work during a season.

Israel unlikely to garner any points in 72 Olympics

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV -

No Israeli sportsman participated in the 11th Winter Olympics held in Sapporo, Japan, for winter sports are still in their infancy here, only having become feasible after the Six Day War left Israel with part of snow-covered Mount Hermon. Thousands of Israelis use the new Hermon ski-lift each week, but most of them come sailing down the mountain slopes sitting on plastic bags rather than standing on skis.

There will be some representatives of the Jewish State in Munich for the Summer Olympics, the exact number depending on how many local sportsmen can this Spring reach the "Olympics minimum," namely the level of achievements required to win a medal in the 1968 Games. Israel has yet to score a single point in the Olympics, and is unlikely to begin in Munich. The only Israelis given an outside chance of bringing home a medal are Dr. Shaul Ladany, in the Marathon and the three young ladies who starred in the track and field events at last year's Asian Games in Bangkok. Most promising of all is Esther Shachamorov, a vivacious 20 year old sprinter and hurdler who has also done well in subsequent international meets.

Israel will never excel in the Olympics until sports facilities here are vastly improved, particularly in the schools, the natural breeding ground for champions. Many schools today lack proper playing fields and indoor gyms are a rarity outside the kibbutzim. Bitterly contested league sports, so central a feature of high school and university life elsewhere, simply don't exist here. And while contests between the various sports clubs do attract thousands of spectators, they involve very few players.

The army, greatly concerned about the physical fitness of recruits and reservists, has announced its own sports program for civilians, but it will not reach into the schools where there is most to be done.

In one respect, at least, Israel is well prepared to undertake a vastly expanded sports program; for it already possesses a large corps of physical education teachers who were trained in two and three year courses at the Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sports, 15 miles up the coast from Tel Aviv. The Institute, named after Major General Orde Wingate - a Bible-intoxicated British military genius who was the mentor of Moshe Dayan and other young Palestinean Jews in the arts of guerrilla warfare - has graduated over 1,500 physical education teachers and 700 coaches. Many additional teachers and coaches have arrived from overseas. Notable among them is Agnes Keleti, an Olympic medalist in gymnastics who fled from Hungary to Israel in 1956. Miss Keleti is now training Israel's female gymnasts while the males will soon be under the tutelage of Gregori Mental, a veteran Soviet-Jewish coach from Lvov, who is scheduled to begin work with his Sabra proteges as soon as he learns a little Hebrew.

Given proper facilities and financial support, the coaches from Wingate and from Eastern Europe could provide Israel with many worthy Olympic contenders, if not for Munich in 1972, then perhaps for Montreal in 1976.

ask the rabbi

Why number 10 is standard for the Jews

1. Is a minyan composed partly of paid and "pressed" men a holy assembly? Why ten as the minimum quorum?

RESPONSE:

To answer the second question first, two different derivations are given in the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds. The Palestinian Talmud (Berachot 7,3) gives the more simple derivation and it is as follows. The verse: "And I shall be hallowed among the children of Israel" (Leviticus 22,32) is understood as meaning that whenever God's name is hallowed in praise a sufficient number of people must be present to qualify as "the children of Israel". Now if we search through the Bible we discover that the minimum number referred to as "the children of Israel" is 10, in the verse "and the children of Israel came to buy" (Genesis 42,5), speaking of the 10 sons of Jacob.

Of course, quite apart from the Scriptural derivation, 10 is a standard number in the Jewish tradition (the Ten Commandments, etc.), and it is also a natural number (there are 10 fingers and 10 toes). Consequently, the rabbinic tradition has it that for the "prayers of sanctification" (not for all prayers) a minyan (the word means "number") is required, e.g. for kaddish, barechu, kedusha, reading the Torah.

As for your first question, you imply that there is something "unholy" about having paid minyan men. But these are not paid to pray but to pray in that particular congregation so as to help to form the minyan. Generally they are poor men so that it is an act of charity to give them some financial assistance, and they can retain some of their dignity by being reassured that the small amount they received is not given gratis but for services rendered.

By "pressed" men I take it that you mean reluctant members of the congregation who are compelled to attend. I, too, feel that emotional blackmail, perhaps is out of place, but in every congregation there are people who are willing to serve in this capacity on a rota basis without any coercion.

One final point, Judaism believes in congregational prayer because we should not only pray selfishly for ourselves but for others too, and among others so that we are helped by them and they by us to achieve the necessary devotional mood.

A call for more community teach-ins

Dear Editor:

I'm sure it is safe to say the first real, community oriented "teach-in" of Jewish concern has ended on a good note.

If the recent gathering at the Beth Sholom synogogue is any indication what we can look forward to in the near future, there is no reason why we shouldn't have a few more well-chosen speakers talk about issues which are important to us. I, for one, would like to hear from such notables as Prof. Emil Fackenheim of the University of Toronto or possibly Rabbi Meir Kahane of the Jewish Defense League.

Topical items such as the rash of hijackings, Russia's intransigence toward its minority groups, or the burden Israel has to pay in order to cope with guerrilla terror, would be worthwhile too.

Jerry Lerman
Toronto

Dear Editor:

I refer to the article on the editorial page of The CJN, Feb. 18, relating to Marvin Shore.

Your correspondent, Mac Haig, is in error. In the second-last-sentence of the article, the following statement is made:

"In fact, Mr. Shore and retired Rabbi David Kirshenbaum became the first Jews elected to any public office in London, although several had run."

This is inaccurate.

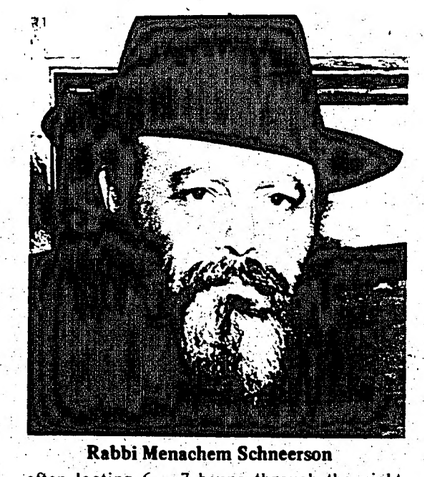
My late father, Max Lerner, was elected and served as alderman for the City of London in 1915.

Samuel Lerner
London

Dear Editor:

Certain statements in recent editions of your journal demand correction. In the issue of Feb. 11 appeared a bizarre item about prolonged nocturnal phone calls allegedly made by the Lubavitcher Rebbe to Kfar Chabad.

The facts are that Chassidim and others eager to hear the rebbe addressing weekday public gatherings, but unable to be present in New York, organize telephone hook-ups



Rabbi Menachem Schneerson

often lasting 6 - 7 hours through the night and heard publicly in Israel, Europe, England, Australia, South and North America (including Montreal, Toronto and London, Ontario). They are arranged by Lubavitcher Centres in each location and not by New York.

In the same issue, Mr. Joseph Isaacs refers to the rebbe as condemning Mizrachi. The Lubavitcher rebbe does not condemn - either people or organizations. He does, however, condemn undesirable conditions and is at present demanding most vehemently that registration of Israeli immigrants and residents as Jews without regard to halachic criteria must cease, and that those in any way responsible for this terrible threat to Jewish identity and survival do the utmost in their ability to correct it. In this he is joined by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate and rabbinical authorities the world over. But the rebbe has singled out no individual or group for condemnation nor would that be in keeping with his boundless love for all Jews - even those disagreeing with him.

In the issue of Feb. 4 appeared an odious piece by Henry S. Rosenberg attacking religion in Israel. In especially poor taste is his evaluation of the religious state of certain individuals in terms of his own condition. Thus he writes that President Shazar is a secularist and not orthodox. In fact, not only is President Shazar halachically observant in his personal life, but even identifies himself with Chassidism, acknowledging the Lubavitcher Rebbe as his spiritual guide and mentor.

Rabbi Daniel Goldberg
Lubavitch Youth Director,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

First of all let me state that I am not a very religious person. I am a university student from an average American home. But like most of my acquaintances I proudly identify with my people, and if I don't observe - I certainly revere and respect our Jewish tradition and values. Now it is with some frustration that my friends and I read the correspondence in The Canadian Jewish News about conversion practices and other controversies involving the orthodox Mizrachi movement. I really don't know what it is all about and wish that someone would explain just what this oft-quoted 'Who is a Jew' affair is.

But also, I am flabbergasted by the Mizrachi policy statement of Mr. Weinberger in your last issue. In one and the same breath he rejects the authority of the Chief Rabbinate and Beth Din of Israel and then says that Mizrachi represents and safeguards the traditional and halachic point of view. He demands that Mizrachi politicians should be the sole authorities to deal with religious problems and issues while the rabbis should stick to kashruth and synagogues. In other words, either the rabbis become lackies of the party bosses and dance to the tune of the polit-bureau, or they are dismissed as ignorant bigots and rabble-rousers!

When reading such offensive policies I begin to understand why in the West we have so strict a separation of state and religion. Israel should learn a lesson from us. From the present concubinary condition, no doubt both the State of Israel and the religion of Israel must both suffer, and surely that is why most Israelis are turned off by this prostituted Judaism. Religion should be a totally independent institution and the rabbis totally free and independent to teach and act according to conscience. Mizrachi policy is offensive and degrading to religion in general and the Jewish tradition and heritage in particular.

Harry Goldstein
Toronto

Opinion

Jews should understand French Canadian grievances

By J. B. SALSBERG
(Part One)

The spectre of separatism is haunting every thoughtful Canadian. If that is not so, then, in my opinion, it should be.

It should be even when the number of French-Canadians who expressly plump for separatism is less than half - as is the case at present. For the underlying causes that threaten Canada's unity have not been created by Rene Levesque, the leader of Le Parti Quebecois. They will not disappear after the next election, nor will they be conjured away by some political manoeuvre.

The roots of the Quebec troubles go deep. They reach into the historic genesis of this northern half of North America; they lie deeply imbedded in the economic, social, religious and national sub-soil upon which Canada grew. And it seems to me that no one who prizes a united, independent Canada can afford to gloss over - let alone ignore - the basic causes and deal only with the symptoms of the present serious Canadian malaise.

From my point of view no one need apologize for devoting time and space to discuss this vital question because I consider it to be the most current and most challenging of Canada's topics. But I must frankly state that what prompted me to write this and perhaps another one or two follow-up columns was the recent visit of Rene Levesque to Toronto under Jewish auspices (week-end of Dec. 3, 1971).

The urge to deal with this matter was not caused by what the leader of the Parti Quebecois said to his largely Jewish audience but rather by the verbal and written comments that followed his appearance. They left me with an uncomfortable feeling that too many in our own community reflect only the average person's approach to this major Canadian problem. That, I felt, was totally inappropriate for us.

The French Canadian challenge is the concern of all Canadians; Gentiles as well as Jews, white or colored, Maritimer or British Columbian. Jews, I agree, have no special obligation in this area of our Canadian pre-occupation. But I do believe that Canadian Jews should find it easier than any other sector of the population to understand the historic grievances and the over-riding aspirations of our French-Canadian citizens. More than that; I believe that if we were to look at the problem of French Canada through Jewish eyes we would surpass every other section of the Canadian people in our appreciation and in our sympathetic attitude towards the aspirations of our French-Canadian neighbours.

Does that mean that I favor the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada? No, it doesn't mean that at all. I am deeply dedicated to a united and, let-me add, an independent Canada. I am convinced that such a dedication is in the best interests of French-Canada as it is for the rest of the country. But I am also convinced that a united, harmonious Canada is impossible without the proper recognition of the historic roots of the problem and without the whole-hearted acceptance of the very legitimate and, from my viewpoint, the very laudable aspiration of the French Canadians.

Before going any further I wish to clarify a few of my basic approaches.

First, I prefer to speak of a French-Canadian problem, rather than of a "Quebec problem." We are not dealing with just another disgruntled province within confederation, as might be the case with Nova Scotia, Alberta or British Columbia. When we speak of Quebec we speak of a special situation, of a special people with special problems.

Second, the French - Canadian problem is not only one of language and not only one of "special culture" but one of **national aspirations** of the first national entity that rooted, grew and flowered on what ultimately became Canadian soil.

Third, all after-dinner talk about an "equal union between French and English" in this country is in total variance with historic fact. The French-Canadians were a conquered people and for too long were treated as such by those who conquered them. Furthermore, the conquest was so ruthless and painful that it frequently paralleled some of the most tragic experiences of ancient Israel. For a couple of centuries French-Canada kept fresh the slogan; "we forgive but we remember."

Fourth, most French-Canadians today want not only the same economic and social conditions as prevail in the rest of Canada but they also seek in their vast majority, including non-separatists, the conditions that will make possible their national continuity under the most favorable conditions.

Now, let us see how it all adds up to one dedicated to a united Canada, and how one sees it through Jewish eyes.

UN resolution on status of Jerusalem is in the interest of all citizens

By W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Usually this column features interpretations of current events, trends and issues. Since I have recently received a good many inquiries regarding the status of Jerusalem, problems of "annexation", and so forth, I will depart from practice and submit to you the precise point of view which the Israeli government takes in regard to these questions.

It was formulated in response to last fall's resolution of the United Nations calling upon Israel "to rescind all previous measures and actions and to take no further steps in the occupied sector of Jerusalem which may purport to change the status of the city, or which would prejudice the rights of the inhabitants and the interests of the international community, or a just and lasting peace."

If the status of the city referred to in the U.N. resolution means the situation existing before June 5, 1967, the renewal of that 'status' would involve the restoration of a military demarcation line and other barriers cutting through the centre of the city: the cancellation of free access to their holy places for Jews and Israeli Moslems, which has prevailed only since June 7, 1967 and the re-imposition of a ban on residence or visits by anyone of the Jewish faith in the Old City. Moreover, in order to assure the previous status, Israel would have to demolish the synagogues and other sites destroyed by the Jordan authorities and restored since then, and to close the cultural, humanitarian and educational institutions on Mount Scopus which have been reopened since June 1967.

The position of Jordan in a part of Jerusalem for 19 years resulted from an aggressive invasion carried out against the injunctions of the Security Council in the first half of 1948. That position was never recognized by the world community. Thus it is not the case that an internationally accepted or valid status for Jerusalem has been set aside by anything done in the city since 1967.

In the last municipal election under the Jordanian occupation of 1963 there were only 5,000 eligible voters in a total Arab population of some 60,000. Only males over 21, property owners and ratepayers could vote, no political parties were permitted. Irrespective of the results of the voting, the mayor was appointed by the Jordanian Government in Amman. On the other hand, in the 1969 elections for the municipal council, universal suffrage for those over 18 years of age was introduced in the sector formerly under Jordanian occupation. The number of Arab citizens who actually cast their vote for the administration of the united city in that election was greater than the total of those eligible to vote in 1963 during the Jordanian occupation.

All the city's inhabitants now receive normal municipal services, which were non-existent or inadequate during the 19 years of illegal Jordanian military occupation. Since 1967, compulsory education laws have been strictly applied.

A system of kindergartens, which did not exist under the Jordanian conquest, has been extended to the eastern part of the city. The Municipality of Jerusalem has provided playgrounds, parks, libraries and youth clubs, where there were none before. A developed social welfare system has been applied for the first time to this part of the city.

The Western Wall in Jerusalem

This is the first time that a Government in Jerusalem offers special expression for universal interests in Jerusalem instead of asserting its exclusive jurisdiction over all of them.

The apprehension expressed in the resolution lest interests of the international community have been adversely affected is thus without foundation.

The CBC and Canada's Jews... a critical evaluation

By SOL I. LITTMAN

TORONTO -

The CBC is a peculiar creature, a welter of paradoxes. Brought into being by the Canadian government and sustained by tax funds, it is nevertheless free to attack the government and pester the prime minister. Any suggestion of interference with the CBC's journalistic freedom arouses a storm of protest in the press.

On the other hand, the CBC is peculiarly vulnerable to attack. A network-produced program on air pollution touched off a violent backlash, which challenged the network's right to discuss such subjects and criticized the adequacy of the research and the accuracy of the presentation.

In order to achieve editorial freedom, the CBC has permitted its producers a generally free rein. If the producer "goofs" too often (i.e., arouses public controversy, embarasses cabinet members or transgresses the boundaries of good taste,) his budget will be cut or his shows taken away from him. But each week he enjoys an unusual amount of freedom considering that he is on the public payroll.

At times, the CBC has appeared dishearteningly obtuse in its treatment of Israel and Jewish affairs. One recalls the interview with George Lincoln Rockwell, American Nazi Party leader; the naive presentation of neo-Nazi leader Von Thadden and the shameful rudeness of the Barry Callaghan interview with Golda Meir during her most recent visit to Canada.

From time to time there is a bush-league quality in the way in which the CBC deals with controversy. Producers seem to assume that the presentation of far out people, without real credibility and virtually no following, constitutes controversy. Instead of exploring controversial themes, they settle for the cheap drama of nasty people snarling at each other.

The CBC also loves to play the synthetic paradox game. Who better to interview Von Thadden, the Hitler supporter, than Larry Zolf, the bushy-haired, articulate Winnipeg Jewish boy. Similarly, what fun to have Callaghan, whose view of neutrality in the Israel-Arab conflict meant praising the Fatah, interview Golda Meir.

These are, however, the inadequacies of individual producers and do not represent the policy of the CBC. Dr. George Davidson,

George Davidson

CBC governor, apologized on behalf of the network to the Israeli government for the ineptness of the Meir interview. Those who know Davidson personally do not doubt the sincerity of the apology.

Nor was the producer of that unfortunate news program anti-Jewish or anti-Israel. He was, perhaps, overeager to create an exciting show which would attract a wider audience, merit a larger budget and bring greater recognition from his second most important audience-his colleagues. Of course this does not excuse anything. It is out of precisely such mundane values that great cruelties are sometimes perpetrated.

Has the CBC engaged in anti-Semitism in other ways? For example, does the small number of Jews on an administrative, policy making level in the CBC reflect a long-standing discriminatory practice?

Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, in a column published in **The Canadian Jewish News**, suggested that it did. As evidence he stated that Sidney Newman, now director of the National Film Board, and once head of drama for CBC, had to leave for Great Britain before he could achieve recognition at home. He also cited Beatrice Hayes as the first and only Jew appointed to the board of governors of the CBC. Both Newman and Mrs. Hayes have responded to the Rosenberg column.

Newman wrote, "In the six years that I worked for the CBC, and in subsequent years when I had a great deal to do with many of the senior executives, I have never been even vaguely aware of any kind of 'gentlemen's agreement' to which Dr. Rosenberg refers. If no, or very few Jews, are in the upper echelons of the CBC, Dr. Rosenberg should look elsewhere for the answer . . ."

Newman continues: "Why must anyone believe that when people like me leave Canada, they do so for reasons other than the desire to compete professionally internationally or because just for a change, they wish to live in another country!"

Beatrice Hayes wrote, "The CBC formerly had a board of governors and Professor Maxwell Cohen was one of its early appointees. In 1968, the new act disbanded the board of governors and in the newer look replaced it with the board of directors. The appointments included for a three year term Mr. Irving Pink, a lawyer of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia . . . and myself for a five year term." Pink is one of the most prominent, active members of the Yarmouth Jewish community.

Dr. Davidson, in his reply to the accusation that "no Jew has ever been appointed as a major official in administration or policy making at the CBC with the possible exception of Sidney Newman," and "no Jews need apply for executive positions at the CBC," points out that "Herb Steinhouse was selected for the post of director of public relations, French Services Division, because he was considered to be the best person available for the job.

"Eric Koch was selected as executive producer, English Services Division, and promoted last year, to be the manager of all English language broadcasting (Radio and Television) in Montreal, not because he is of the Jewish faith but because he was the man we wanted for the job," Davidson added.

Davidson also points out that Paul Nathanson served on the first board of directors appointed to govern the CBC.

Support for the Rabbi's allegation was provided by Douglas Fisher, **Toronto Sun** columnist. Fisher disclosed that ex-CBC executive Stewart Griffiths had reported to him the presence of "anti-Semitism" among many leaders of CBC radio.

When Griffiths was initiating English language TV in Toronto, he hired the best talent available. As a result, many of those hired were Jewish. It did not take long before he was called into the office of his superior in Toronto and asked if he had noticed that many of those hired were Jewish. It was suggested to him that he should slow down his hiring of Jews.

In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, Griffiths confirmed Fisher's report. However, he added that he did not believe that it was a policy of the CBC to restrict Jewish employment. Instead, he attributed it to the anti-Semitism of one man, now dead, who was subsequently transferred to a less influential post.

As evidence of the fact that he was dealing with a personal idiosyncrasy, rather than a policy, Griffiths points out that he continued to hire people according to ability and that the subject was never raised again.

The CBC deserves criticism for various sins of omission and commission. But in all fairness, one of those sins is not anti-Semitism. If nothing else, it would be the height of stupidity for a body subjected to intensive public scrutiny to embrace discriminatory practices.

Only UJA can do the job

By PHIL GRANOVSKY

The dramatic release of Jews from Soviet Russia has captured the imagination of Jews everywhere. In Toronto, there has been considerable activity on behalf of the Russian Jews. Money is being raised to make phone calls to activists inside Russia, and to send food parcels and books to Jewish families who are awaiting their chance to go to Israel. Last fall, of course, the "Let my people go!" demonstrations in Toronto were undoubtedly the turning point in influencing the Soviet government to free some of its Jews.

Generally speaking, much of this activity has been carefully organized. However, a great deal of it is spontaneous - the natural feeling of a Jew anxious to do something to help his persecuted fellow Jew.

The great problem now is to absorb the Russian Jews successfully into the social and economic life of Israel and the cost of this is high - between $10-$15,000 each. Israel cannot afford this and the Jews of the free world must provide the funds through the United Jewish Appeal. Only the UJA - the extension of the Jewish Agency which is charged with the task of financing immigration absorption - is in a position to take on this tremendous job - as it has for years.

Because the need is so great, there should be no dilution of effort at this time to raise the vast amount of money required by UJA. The Toronto United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign now in progress has a goal of $10,200,000 and every ounce of effort should be directed at raising this amount.

We are not denigrating the activities of those groups and individuals who are reaching out in their own way to help save Soviet Jews. We do not think the funds they are raising will be subtracted from the amount the community will give to the UJA-ISF. But the need is for concentrated manpower to solicit the thousands of people who must be reached if the 1972 campaign is to succeed. Nothing should detract from this.

We therefore call on all who are committed to the cause of saving Soviet Jewry to channel their energies at this time through the UJA. Israel is faced with a very critical problem in absorbing its immigrants and only UJA funds can help relieve the situation.

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Looking ahead

Americanization of Canadian Jewry adds new, unpredictable problems

By DR. STUART E. ROSENBERG

The fact that Canada is a North American nation has taken a long time to sink in, and according to historian F. H. Underhill it did not actually take place until the "Revolution of 1940," when Canadians passed from the "British century" of their history into the American century."

But Canadian Jews had already understood this about 25 years earlier. By the end of the First World War, while English Canadians were still making much of their British heritage and of the fact that Canada was a British country, the Jewish community was already turning away from London and federating with New York's Jewish organizations and movements. English - speaking rabbis no longer came to Canada only from London but also from New York or Cincinnati. Indeed, the stirrings which led to the formation of the American Jewish Congress were also felt here, and the organization of the Canadian Jewish Congress was the result.

In the case of the Canadians, it was the sudden awareness of their dependence upon the United States for military security at the start of the Second World War that for the first time made them see their country as a North American nation. What was it that had caused Jews in Canada, a full generation earlier, to see themselves as part of this continent and not of Europe? The First World War and the pogroms in its wake marked the end of the European era for many Canadian Jews. True, they remained culturally related to the great European Jewish cities-in Russia, Poland, and elsewhere. But America was the new land of rising democratic hopes, of pluralist cultural and religious possibilities, and after World War One, even of great Jewish scholars and the beginnings of great Jewish schools. It was natural for Canadian Jews to turn to America as a free and growing repository of their ancient culture. In this sense, Canada's Jews were first American-and then later like many other Canadians, anti-American -before they could be Canadian.

Most Canadian congregations with spiritual leaders are served by rabbis who are born and trained in the United States. Over the years, more than 50 Canadian-born students have been ordained in various American orthodox rabbinical schools. Two dozen or so are graduates of the lone conservative school, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America located in New York; a handful of the two branches of the reform seminary. Most of these have remained in the United States and continue to serve American Jewish congregations. In a sense, this "Jewish brain-drain" to the United States from Canada tends to reduce the direct benefits to Canadian Jewry of any advanced educational system of its own. Symptomatic of this situation is the fact that several important executive posts in American Jewish religious and cultural life have been filled by Canadians who were ordained in the United States.

Among those in this category were the late Dr. David Petegorsky of Ottawa, ordained at Yeshiva College, who served as the executive director of the American Jewish Congress; Rabbi Leon Stitskin of Toronto, serving as assistant to the president of Yeshiva University. In the conservative movement, at least five graduates of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America had served as president of the Rabbinical Assembly, among them Rabbis Aaron Blumenthal, Louis Levitsky, and Max Routtenberg of Montreal, and Eli Bohnen, and S. Gershon Levi of Toronto. The Executive Vice-President of the Rabbinical Seminary, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, son of Rabbi Hersh Leib Kelman, was also raised and educated in Toronto.

The lack of a modern Canadian rabbinical school; the fact that Canadian Rabbis are "imported from the States"; the fact that Canada has no effective country-wide union of orthodox, conservative, or reform Rabbis or congregations of its own, but depends upon their affiliation with their American counterparts-all this leads to the inexorable conclusion that Canadian Judaism must reflect, more and more, the design and structure of American Judaism.

Last week I discussed the arrival of new immigrants from America to Canada as a result of the Viet Nam war. How many of those who left America will remain in Canada is, of course, difficult to predict. In any case, this movement of Jews from the United States to Canada represented a very new immigration pattern-a reversal of directions. In earlier decades, many East European Jews undoubtedly entered Canada en route to the United States; it was merely a stopping-point to accumulate sufficient money or to obtain the required visas for ultimate entry. In 1923-24 some 4,300 Jews entered Canada while 7,920 departed, 7,421 of them to the United States. From 1936 to 1938, for example, the departure of Jews from Canada to the United States, exceeded by about 50 per cent all Jewish entries.

The magnetic pull of America may not be as strong in the future as in the past, and it may well be that Canadian Jewry will grow at a much more rapid rate than could have been anticipated even a decade ago. But it may also attract the most rebellious, "anti-establishment," self-hating and alienated Jews ever to have come to Canada. Clearly, new and unpredictable problems lie ahead as a result of this unusual source of Jewish immigration into Canada.

Photo by Gadi Hoz

Robert Stanfield

Work and live together aim for Canada

By PAUL OGDEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO -

A climate where people of different cultural backgrounds can work and live together in a feeling of mutual respect and admiration is an ideal for Canada, according to Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield.

"It also means a climate where there is respect on the part of government and people alike for the differing ways in which men and women express their individuality and their group feelings," he said.

The Progressive Conservative Party leader was addressing the Annual Interfaith Brotherhood-Dinner at Beth Tzedec Synagogue last week.

In a speech in which he criticized the Liberal Government's handling of the unemployment situation in Canada, Stanfield noted his party's concern for individual and group rights, particularly in their right "to pursue a course leading to self-development in the freest possible manner consistent with social cohesion."

Speaking to a primarily Jewish audience, the party leader drew an analogy between Tevye and Trudeau. "In one," he said, "you have a Fiddler on the Roof. In the other a Fuddler on the Hill." Earlier in the evening, Geoffrey Wigoder, editor-in-chief of the Encyclopedia Judaica, presented Mayor William Dennison and the City of Toronto with a volume of the recently published work.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg presented Stanfield with his two-volume history of the Jews in Canada.

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Kiev Jews arrested outside synagogue

TORONTO –

Vladimir Slepak is a Moscow Jew who lost his engineering job when he applied for permission to emigrate to Israel.

This telephone conversation with Slepak was sponsored by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Holy Blossom Temple. It was conducted in Russian. Unless he is able to find employment soon, Slepak may find himself imprisoned under the Soviet law which punishes "economic parasites".

The following is the recorded talk (conversation from Toronto is set in bold type):

"Hello Mr. Slepak. Hello.

You didn't expect our call. No, I didn't.

We were trying to call Mr. Polsky but his line wasn't answering so we decided to call you. Will you speak to us. Of course.

Do you have any news for us? I have some news for you from Kiev. Yesterday, Saturday, Jewish people were gathering around the synagogue; at 1 p.m. a car came up; a lieutenant from the militia jumped out, also a group of people wearing civilian clothes. They started grabbing the Jews and throwing them into the car, using physical force. The following were taken: Bela Kogan, Nissim Burshtein, Vitali Zirinaov, Lena Umanskaya, Natan Remmenik, Solomon Feldman, Anatoli Atletsit, Roman Rudman, Motel Fuchs. They were taken to the district militia and they were held there till evening. In the evening they started letting them out. They were interrogated there. The most remarkable thing was that a crowd was jeering and calling out all sorts of anti-Semitic remarks.

Was everyone released? When I called last, at 8 p.m. last night, there were a few left, but I think most have been let out.

O.K. We'll report it to the press and let all of our friends all over the world know about it. Please.

We're speaking from a synagogue. There are many young people who'd like to speak with you later. Do you have any news of prisoners? The health of Hillel Shur is very bad. He is now in the prison hospital; he has a stomach ulcer. Also the women prisoners, Raiza Palatnik and Sylva Zalmanson, are in bad health.

Did you hear anything about the student Ilya Glazer? Oh, he's not a student, he's a science candidate; he's a professor of sciences, a biologist, a very great scientist. His book about brain morphology was published in New York, in English translation. He was arrested and is now in Lefartova Prison, Moscow. His mother was informed that he'll be held in that prison till the end of the investigation.

Why was he arrested? In the formal accusation it says that he possessed disseminated anti-Soviet materials.

So now he's in prison. Yes, he's in prison and according to Soviet law, the investigation can last nine months and then this period can be prolonged by order of the prosecutor-general.

We know that you and your friends, Korenfeld, Lerner, Klatchkin, are being kept back on grounds of security. Ah, they say that while we worked, we had access to material which is supposed to be top secret, but in reality it is of course not true. In the Soviet Union, every engineer who works at a factory or an enterprise signs a document that he's not going to discuss what he's doing while he works there. Most engineers have signed this form, but in this document you sign, it doesn't say that a person who leaves this work can't apply to go and now, having signed this, they tell us we're not allowed to receive exit visas, although there was no mention of it made in that document.

So that's why they don't let you out. Has anybody got permission to leave? Yuri Aronovich, the former conductor of the radio orchestra. He's leaving alone, early in March to Vienna. And also the mathematician Leonid Frank. There were others, but we don't know all of them. Still I want to tell you that from Moscow very few people get permission."

At this point we were cut off.

Stress realities: Monbaz

By WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO –

"Zionist thinking should be directed to the realities of today rather than ideology," says Israeli Consul Col,' Jacob Monbaz, rebutting the complaints of some delegates to the 28th annual World Zionist Congress.

Col. Monbaz was addressing a special meeting of the Toronto Zionist Organization last week on the recently concluded Congress. He said that "there are many deep reasons for behavior patterns in Israel" but that there wasn't enough time to go into them.

Max Goody, national vice-president of the ZOC, said the most serious problem facing Jews is the number of Russian Jews coming to Israel.

"There is resentment in Israel that the Russian Jews want the best and get the best while the native born Israeli does not.... Russia is attempting to create an economic burden and is. Diaspora Jewry is going to have to help."

John Glass, another delegate, commented on the intolerant attitude of the Israelis to Diaspora delegates. He said the Congress should not always be held in Israel. "Zionism is primarily for Jews out of Israel. We have to make Israel the central force in our lives but it isn't for those already living in Israel."

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Dr. Geoffrey Wigoder, editor of Enclopedia Judaica, at Montreal news conference.

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

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What is five times larger than the Talmud, has 12 million words, took five years to prepare, has 2,000 contributrs, 300 editors, 25,000 articles, 8,000 illustrations, an index of 250,000 items, and is in 16 volumes?

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"The Encyclopedia," he added, "reflects Jewish scholarship in the world, with about 55% of the material written by Israeli scholars, 35% from North America."

The Canadian Editor of the Enclyclopedia is Rabbi Dr. Stuart Rosenberg, Toronto, and the contributing editors include such well known Canadian Jews as Louis Rosenberg, Montreal; Ben Kayfetz, Toronto; Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Toronto; Saul Hayes, Montreal and Miriam Waddington of York University, who wrote on Jews in Canadian Literature.

"It is the first Jewish Encyclopedia to stress Canadian participation," said Dr. Wigoder. "We have articles on each of the provinces, and the major communities, institutions, and personalities in Canadian life."

The project's cost has reached the $5 million mark, with $3 million being invested by the Israeli publishers Kater House, and a $2 million loan from the American government for cultural programs in Israel. The late Samuel Bronfman donated $75,000 to the Encyclopedia Judaica Foundation and the first Canadian copy will be presented to Saidye Bronfman early next month.

According to Dr. Wigoder, the Encyclopedia gives the Holocaust major attention, and includes such detail as what happened to the Jews from each country and town in Europe during Nazi oppression.

Polish envoy called Israeli enemy

NEW YORK -
The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is concerned that Poland's new ambassador to Rome, Kazimierz Sidor, might jeopardize developing relations between the Vatican and Israel.

Arnold Forster, the League's general counsel, cited Sidor as an "ardent enemy of Israel." He said that for some time there have been reports that the Vatican is interested in a rapprochement with Poland, a predominantly Catholic country. It was noted for instance that several years ago negotiations were begun on a possible trip by the Pope to that country. The talks ended when the Polish government was overthrown.

Forster said that although Poland has no ambassador to the Vatican-as is the case with most nations-an ambassador to Rome is usually considered his nation's envoy to the Holy See. He explained that it is thought that Sidor may play a role in developing that rapprochement and in doing so might seriously hurt developing relations between Israel and the Vatican because of his "distinctly anti-Israel, anti-Jewish attidues."

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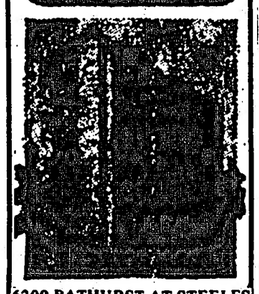

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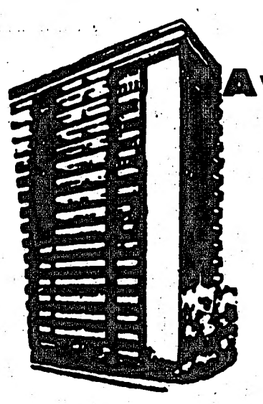

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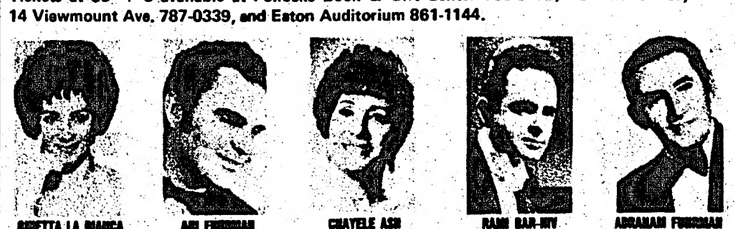

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Impossible to learn Hebrew in Russia

"People don't believe what they read; personal contact is essential," says Dr. Julia Libman, the young Jewish dentist who recently emigrated from the Soviet Union.

She has been speaking in several Ontario centres with small Jewish communities as part of the annual campaign of the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund. "Today people are all very interested in Soviet Jews, but it was not so a few years ago," she has decided.

According to Yehuda Noy, executive director of the UJA-ISF, the response to her speechmaking has been very good. "People have been paying their pledges on the spot," he said.

Dr. Libman, whose English is excellent, was asked by The CJN where she mastered that difficult tongue. "In the Soviet Union," she replied, "it is easy to learn good English, but Hebrew, that is impossible."

Dr. Libman leaves for New York this week where she will be speaking on behalf of the UJA in the United States.

Kibbutz Karavan provides contact for Jewish youth

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ

TORONTO -

A group of young Israeli kibbutzniks spent two days in Toronto last week engaged in an encounter with Jewish students from York University and the University of Toronto.

Kibbutz Karavan, the name under which the young people travel, consists of display panels, a slide show, lectures and a coffee house, all designed to inform people of kibbutz life and to draw them into a dialogue with the Israelis.

Toronto is only one stop on the group's tour of North America. Sponsored by the Israeli government, Kibbutz Karavan has already visited five campuses and is scheduled to appear at eight others before the current tour is completed. The group visited Toronto campuses at the invitation of the Jewish Student Federation at York and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Toronto.

"The idea behind Kibbutz Karavan is to conduct a dialogue with Jewish students," said Muki Tsur, a member of Kibbutz Ein Gev, and the leader of the group.

"The Karavan is not intended as merely entertainment," Tsur said, "but is designed to provide deeper contact between Israeli and Jewish young people, on as many levels as possible and in small groups." This was the reason for the multi-faceted aspect of the program, Tsur explained. In this way, he continued, it was hoped there would be something of interest to everyone and for every campus.

In Toronto, as in other cities, Tsur visited classes where he led discussions on Kibbutz life. In addition, a panel display and slide show were set up in the centre of the campus and the Shum-Batzal group, four singers and a guitarist, gave a short sampling of their coffee house program during the lunch hour.

These short performances drew an immediate and responsible crowd of several hundred people and the displays were continually studied by interested students.

The coffee house program proved to be the most successful event, especially the evening spent at the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. The program included alternating songs and poetry readings from Israeli and American sources. The Shum - Batzal group performed in Hebrew and proved a first rate entertainment troupe, while David Kauffman provided most of the English language side of the program.

Most of the evening consisted of songs which rarely are heard outside Israel. As Tsur said in introducing some of the selections, Diaspora Jews usually hear only songs describing how happy the Israeli are and how to dance the hora. The selections performed by the Shum-Batzal group were those which rarely travel outside of Israel's boundaries, despite their beautiful and meaningful lyrics.

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Arts

Minimal forms contrast with regional collage in shows

By WALTER KLEPAC

Two young Ontario artists, T. Michael Bidner (London) and Robin Collyer (Toronto), have one man shows currently at downtown galleries. Working in different media and artistic modes from one another, both display a well developed and very distinctive personal style.

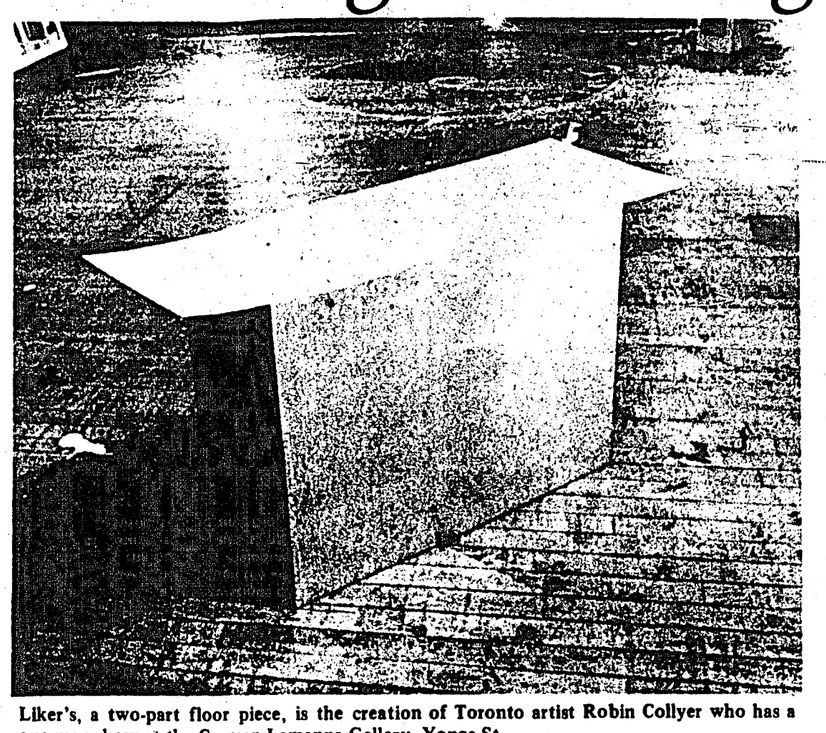
Interestingly enough, each in his own way represents a major trend on the art scene today. Bidner's graphic-collages echo the growing movement in contemporary Canadian art towards a representational-regional art, i.e., one in which the life and customs of a particular native locale is depicted. Robin Collyer's sculpture, on the other hand, resembles a more international oriented, post-minimal approach.

The Collyer show at the Carmen Lamanna Gallery, represents a significant departure in tone and attitude from the avant garde sculpture of the past dozen years. Collyer's work moves way from the cold imposing scale and the stark drama so characteristic of the minimalist school. While keeping the direct simplicity of line and shape of most minimal sculpture Collyer weds it with a keen sensitivity for homely, unpretentious materials. As a result, the viewer is made to feel more at home, more comfortable.

Liker's, a two part floor piece, comes across as a kind of paraphrase of the typical minimal sculpture. It is both accessible and vulnerable. Its modest scale, the largest of the two parts is no more than waist high, allows us to come to it; it neither-commands nor over-awes. The clean, sparse geometry of its basic shapes is by now almost something of a cliche. Yet Collyer uses this stylistic trait in such a way that the overall piece takes us by surprise and even disconcerts us: Sculpture like this isn't suppose to be humble.

As in every other piece in the show, Liker's is made up of common everyday materials, including paraffin and corrugated cardboard. This conveys a sense of tenuousness and impermanence. There is the impression that the work is completely at the mercy of the spectator. Each of the two parts is composed of three sections. It is possible to move any of the sections. However, in spite of this, the work has an integrity that you somehow can't help respecting.

A sense of whimsy and child-like puckishness, somewhat reminiscent of fellow London artist Greg Curnoe, pervades Michael Bidner's recent "Mental States" series, now on exhibit to March 9th at the Nancy Poole Studio. Like Curnoe, Bidner is very much a part of the mundane world of middle class life in North America and is alive to its shortcomings. Avoiding Curnoe's overtly political overtones, Bidner's style is characterized by a gentle humor and an almost poignant irony about the conditions of modern life. As a rule, his "remarks" are oblique: He seems to use the incidents from his life as the source of bemused, at times metaphysical, speculations. More often than not, his philosophical arabesques will trail off in some ornate linear flourish.



Liker's, a two-part floor piece, is the creation of Toronto artist Robin Collyer who has a one-man show at the Carmen Lamanna Gallery, Yonge St.

With impressive ease and sureness of touch Bidner employs a wide array of technical devices to organize his compositions. Fragments of figures and objects carefully snipped from magazine photos) are integrated into complex abstract patterns. Areas that create the illusion of infinitely receding depths are often to be found next to blatantly flat surfaces without in any way turbing the unity of the picture as a whole. As collage after collage make abundantly clear, Bidner has used his considerable skills as a graphic designer to create works which all have their own special mood, and unique character. Throughout all of them, Bidner's distinctive sensibility is given full play.

This permits us to focus on the essential ambiguities of that figure, whether it is a woman in extravagant, Edwardian finery, a businessman in modern dress, a withered old man, or a First World War aviator. Suddenly the faintly nostalgic, the trivial and mundane take on an air of unsuspected mystery.

Confusing account of Czars is technically magnificent

movie review

By GARY LAFORET

What actually happened to the czar of Russia and his family during the last days of the Russian revolution is one of the greatest mysteries of our time. An even greater mystery may be what possessed producer Sam Spiegel to undertake the monumental task of filming it.

More than three hours long, **Nicholas and Alexandra**, at the Odeon Fairlawn, gives the impression that every scene up until the czar's abdication was rushed through and condensed in a futile attempt to pack Robert K. Massie's epic best seller by the same name into a quality picture of acceptable length.

Considering the enormity of their task, neither Spiegel nor screenwriter James Goldman warrant harsh criticism. However it is unfortunate that the more colorful events leading up to the revolution are hurried through when more than an hour of the film is spent with the Romanovs awaiting their fate at the hands of the Bolsheviks.

It is even more unfortunate considering the screenplay follows the account of Judge Nicholas Sokolov. His report, which says the Romanovs were slaughtered in July, 1918 by Bolsheviks in the village of Ekaterinburg, has since been refuted by a number of researchers including the BBC.

History aside, the acting in this big budget epic is generally exceptional.

Michael Jayston and Janet Suzman, both English stage actors, play the complex title roles with enthusiasm and style, and the over-acting common to royal roles is noticeably absent.

Roderic Noble is remarkable as the Romanov's hemophilic son and conscience - a child with the face and mind of a wise old man.

Without a doubt Tom Baker is the most memorable actor in **Nicholas and Alexandra**. He literally steals the show as the Siberian monk Rasputin, a lecher, drunkard, faith healer and political football whose violent death signals the general strike in 1917.

Whenever the film seems to be bogging down, Rasputin appears, to save it with his sometimes comic, sometimes tragic antics.

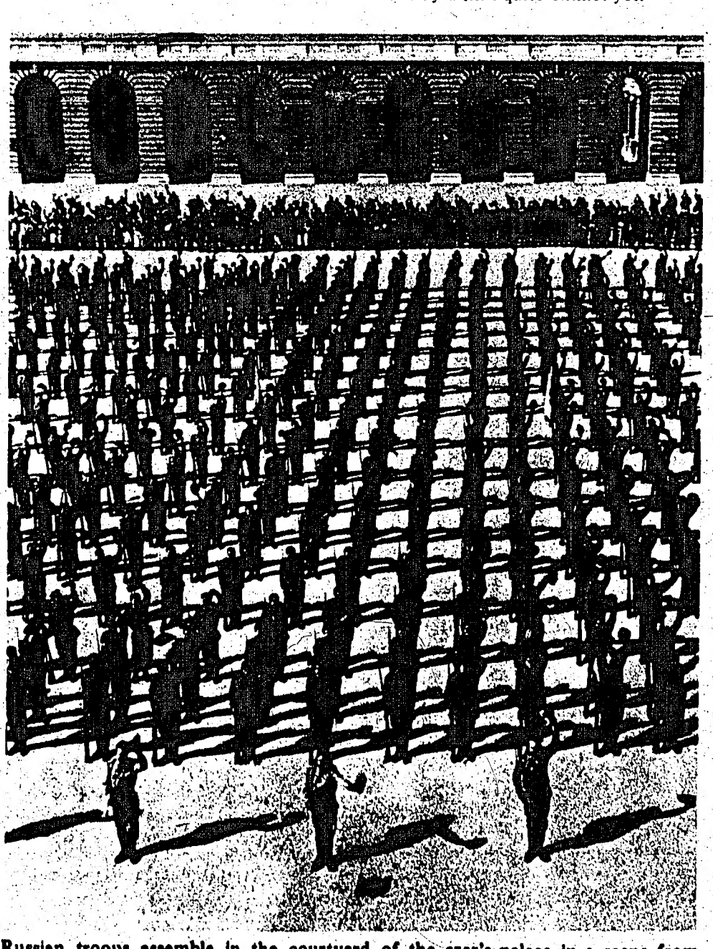
In **Nicholas and Alexandra**, a sharp parallel is drawn between czarist Russia and the United States today.

The Russians are fighting an unpopular war with the Japanese for Korea which they need for a winter port. One of Nicholas' advisers tells him of a criticism he received from a student about the "hopeless war which sends your sons a continent away to die."

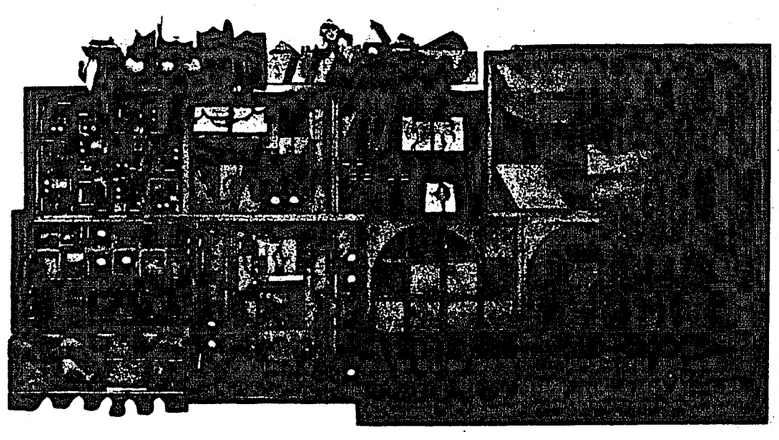
Director Franklin J. Schaffner and Spiegel, on the whole, show little sympathy for either side.

Lenin is depicted as a satanic figure given to screaming: "Revolution now!", and Nicholas, Russia's weakest czar, at one point looks at his hostile Bolshevik captors and admits: "If there's hate in their hearts, I put it there."

Despite its unwieldy length and the confusing number of characters paraded across the screen before its **Bonnie and Clyde**-style ending, **Nicholas and Alexandra** is technically magnificent. The rich color, lavish settings and artful camerawork under the direction of Schaffner offer strong testimony that the big budget "dinosaurs" of the film industry aren't quite extinct yet.



Russian troops assemble in the courtyard of the czar's palace in a scene from Nicholas and Alexandra, the big budget epic at the Odeon Fairlawn Theatre.



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